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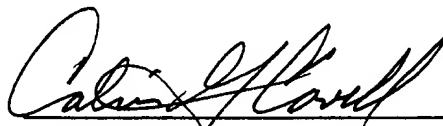
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby elects invention II for prosecution on the merits in this application. Thus, claims 57 – 79, drawn to an expandable cannula, classified in class 604, subclass 239, are elected for prosecution on the merits in this application.

In regard to the election of species, applicant hereby elects the species of Figs. 33 and 34 for prosecution on the merits in this application. Claims 57 – 79 are readable on the elected species, that is, the species of Figs. 33 and 34.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will expedite the prosecution of this application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner call applicant's attorneys in Cleveland, Ohio at 621-2234, area code 216. Please charge any deficiency in the fees for this application to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,



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